

**PRIVATE SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 10, 2002**

PRESENT: Byron Bishop, Dennis Brewer, Edward Byrne, Mark Harder, James Mankowski, William Meloy and James Martin

EXCUSED: Dejustice Coleman, Matt Elliott, Mark Kirch, Mark Riesinger and Shawn Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Clete Hansen and William Black (for a portion of the meeting)

GUESTS: Gerd Holderman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Clete Hansen, Chair.

AGENDA

The agenda were initially informally approved. A bit later the following motion was passed:

Motion: Ed Byrne moved, seconded by Jim Mankowski, to revise the agenda by moving Agenda Item #8 Badges, Patches and Use of "Public" to follow the Administrative Report. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (11/2/01)

MOTION: Jim Martin moved, seconded by Mark Harder, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Bureau Director's Report

- **Roster**

Mark Harder advised that his e-mail address should only have one "p."

- **Meeting Dates**

The next meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2002.

- **Motions Passed By the Committee**

Clete Hansen informed the Committee that the list of motions is provided in the packet for the convenience of committee members, as they discuss various issues.

- **To-Do List**

Noted.

BADGES, PATCHES AND USE OF “PUBLIC”

Bill Melloy suggested that the Department should regulate the name, shoulder patch and badge of a private security company and prohibit the use of certain words that confuse the public. Jim Mankowski added “vehicles” to this list.

The committee had a lengthy discussion concerning the use of words like “public,” “police,” and “enforcement.” Jim Mankowski suggested that the Department should review Michigan’s laws on these matters.

MOTION: Ed Byrne moved, seconded by Jim Mankowski, that the Committee recommends that the Department should promulgate rules that would prohibit private security companies from representing or implying any in any way (in names, signage or insignia) that they have law enforcement authority. Furthermore, the rules should prohibit private security companies to use “police” or “enforcement in their name, insignia or badges.

MOTION: Ed Byrne called the question. The motion was passed with 2 “no” votes.

The main motion passed with a 4 to 3 vote.

Ed Byrne suggested that in the next Regulatory Digest there be an article relating to this discussion and motion. The article should invite suggestions.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED STATUTORY CHANGES

The meeting packet contained drafts of proposed statutory changes. Clete Hansen advised that the Department would like to proceed with these proposals as soon as possible. Many of these items had been in the Biennial Budget Bill and removed by the Joint Finance Committee.

UPDATE ON APPLICATION PROCESSING

Clete Hansen reported on the Department's on-going efforts to speed up FBI criminal records reporting. He said that the Department is focusing on obtaining a scanner that can read fingerprint cards, so that the cards can be electronically submitted to the CIB and the CIB can electronically submit them to the FBI. The CIB has informed the Department that this process could result in the receipt of FBI criminal records reports within 48 hours. Hansen submitted a report that shows the number of days it has been taking lately to receive FBI reports. Most reports are received within 33 days. Byron Bishop suggested that the Department should also consult with Gerald Coleman at the CIB.

Committee members discussed how they are adjusting to the changes in the application processing and how they are handling temporary permits that expire before the Department receives the FBI criminal records report.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL

There was no time for discussion.

PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL WORKING FOR MORE THAN ONE AGENCY

There was no time for discussion.

REPORT OF THE FIREARMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting of November 14, 2001, were in the meeting packet. There was no time for discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

- **New Brochure: Summary of Private Security Regulation**

Committee members received a copy of a new brochure that is based on an article that the Department prepared for the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Bulletin.

- **Complaint Statistics**

Statistics were included in the meeting packet; however there was no time for discussion.

- **Article in USA Today Concerning Private Security**

There was brief discussion about this article.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was informally adjourned at 12:08 p.m.